

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1744.

To the AUTHOR, &c.

SIR,



HE Judgment of Managers in the Cast of Parts, has afforded Matter for Criticks at all Times: But of all the Errors or Abuses of this Kind, sure none ever did, or ever can, come up to that wile Choice of Mr. Dunstable, to perform the Part of Sir William Bellfond in the Squire of

Matia.—Sir William, a Character of Humour throughout, Mr. Dunstable of none.—Sir William, whether peevish, angry, or hot, in the right, or in the wrong, is all humorous; Mr. Dunstable, defying Humour in all! Mrs. Clive has been censur'd, and, perhaps, justly, for throwing herself into genteel Comedy; and particularly, to the Character of Lady Townley: And Managers have not scrupled to lay the Fault at her Door, and say, She would. Is this the Case of Mr. Dunstable? Is he already established in Fame, that Managers can't refuse him any Part he likes? Surely the Manager will not pretend to say so; and if not, Whose Judgment is to be call'd in question?

But what, in the Name of Common Sense, could make the Manager overlook Mr. Hippisley, who was under his Eye; nay, who was cast into an inferior Part the same Play? Will it be said Mr. Hippisley's Humour not exactly of the Vein of Sir William's? And therefore He, unfit?

This is begging the Question: But granting it for once—Mr. Hippisley has some Humour at least.—And is it not better the Character of Sir William should be inhabited with some Humour, than with none at all?

But to examine this Point of Humour.—What does it amount to? Why Mr. Hippisley, forsooth, has not Penkethman's, or Miller's Look, nor Tone of Voice: Is Mr. Dunstable? No. Mr. Hippisley can put on a Look and a Tone of Voice truly Comick, tho' it may be exactly what Penkethman's or Miller's was. But Mr. Dunstable cannot.—Mr. Hippisley can be humourously angry, peevish, or wrong-headed.—Mr. Dunstable can only be downright.—Mr. Hippisley will never come up to Penkethman or Miller in this Part.—Who is he will? But will he not go beyond any Actor now existing, in it?

What! because Mr. Hippisley cannot come up to a former excellent Comedian in this Part (tho', at the same time, it must be confess'd, he will do it better than any actor now living) it shall be given to one that cannot do it at all? Strange Argument! but stranger Management still! There is another Character in this Play that might have been much better perform'd than it was; I have my Eye on an Actor who would have made that Character appear with all the Beauty with which it is endow'd.—But I really respect the Actor I mean too much, to wish ever to hear him exchange a Comick Word on the Stage with Mr. Dunstable.

If the Manager takes Warning by this, I have my Wish: If not, the Town be on him! I am,

SIR,

Yours,

WILLIAM HINT.

S. Since writing this, his Brother Manager of the Swan, or whoever takes that Work upon him, has more egregiously, if possible, blunder'd in the Cast of Gomez.—Mr. Yates is an excellent Comedian in a Variety of Parts, where Archness, Vivacity, Quicksilver, Tricking, Intriguing, Bullying, Bantering, Lying, have any thing to do.—But a weak, peevish, covetous, jealous old Huncks, as Gomez is described to be, is quite out of Mr. Yates's Walk. There is a Man in that House, an Under-Actor (one I think) who has the happiest Squeak or Voice, Cast of Countenance, for the Part of Gomez, that possibly be in any Man! I do not know whether his Talents or Abilities to act, or Sense enough to understand the Part of Gomez.—(No Man can be known to be try'd.) But I am sure, in favour of his Squeak Figure, a great many Defects would be overlook'd.—And, to say the Truth of him, he is no bad Man in other Parts; and therefore it might be precluded, would not, in the Part of Gomez. I am, from time to time, trouble you, if you appear of my Correspondence, with my Observations on the present fluctuating State of the Theatre; and point

out, what to me appears wrong; in Support of which, I shall use the same Arguments that determin'd me, leaving the Town to judge of their Goodness.

HOME PORTS.

Deal, October 24. Wind S. W. Remain in the Downs his Majesty's Ships as per last. Came down the William and Mary, Linthorne, for Pool. Arrived the Morning Star, Olive, from Newcastle.

Graveland, October 24. Passed by the St. Paul, Klopenburg, from Hamburg; the Hopewell, Cecil, from Gottenburg; and the St. Andrew, Watson, from North Carolina.

Arrived

At Bonny, the Henrico, Grayson, from Liverpool. At Leostoff, the Britannia, Howlaton, from Rotterdam. She left Helvoetsluys the 22d, under Convoy of the Fox Man of War; and was separated that Night in a violent Gale of Wind, in which the Man of War lost her Main-mast.

LONDON.

The Republic of Venice has again open'd Correspondence with the Ports in the Ecclesiastical State. Those of the Grand Dukes of Tuscany, and of the States del Presidii; but all Commerce with Calabria and Sicily, is subject to a Quarantine of 40 Days.

We learn by Letters from Lintz, that a Body of 6000 Hungarian Horse have penetrated thro' the Pass of Jablunca, into Silesia, and that they were to be followed by 20,000 more.

The last Letters, directly from the Army of Prince Charles of Lorraine, are dated from the Camp near Cremnitz, in Bohemia, the 15th Instant, N. S. in which it is said that the Prussians were retiring, and that it was believed, they would carry off their Garrison from Prague with them.

The 22d Instant, N. S. was observed at Franckfort with the greatest Solemnity, being the Anniversary of her Imperial Majesty's Birth-Day, who enter'd then into the 44th Year of her Age.

According to private Letters from the last mentioned City, there is so great a Misunderstanding broke out between his Prussian Majesty, and a certain Court, that Prince William of Hesse Cassel, at the earnest Desire of the Emperor, is speedily to set out for Berlin, in order to use his utmost Endeavours to compromise them.

The last Letters from Scarborough say, that the Common House-Men, who have the Choice of Magistrates in that Borough, have continued sitting ever since the Day after the Feast of St. Michael; and it is thought, will still continue sitting for some Time, before they can agree on the Magistrates for the ensuing Year.

A Paragraph lately inserted in many of the Foreign Gazettes, relating to the cutting off 600 English Troops that took Post on the 9th Instant, at Diense, was altogether destitute of Foundation, there not having been any Attempt made by the Enemy on that Side; and Field Marshal Wade having taken up his Quarters there, on the 14th.

The Ville de Leoganne, Capt. Jean La Parade, from Bourdeaux for Martinico, was taken by the Greyhound Man of War; but was parted with the 5th Instant, in a violent Gale of Wind.

By Letters from Boston in New England, dated the 9th ult. we are advic'd, that the Spirit of Privateering increased so much, that many Ships could not proceed on their Voyages for want of Men; that four Privateers fell in with seven French Ships from Hispaniola, six of whom they took, and had brought into New York; whose Cargoes amounted to above 1500 Hogsheads of Sugar, besides Indigo, Coffee, &c. that the French Fishery had been almost destroyed; and that scarce a Day pass but they received Accounts of Prizes being brought into one or other of our Colonies. The Number of Privateers from all our American Governments, according to the Advices receiv'd in Boston, at the Time of Writing, was ONE HUNDRED and TEN.

With the Colchester Man of War, whose Loss we mentioned in our last, all her Crew, except a Lieutenant and 13 Men, are said to have perished. She was coming from Harwich for the River, to be fitted for Sea, being but lately launch'd.

On Tuesday Night 800 Weight of Tea was seized in an empty House at Stoke-Newington, by some Custom-house Officers, and brought to the Custom-house.

On Wednesday several of the Crew belonging to a Privateer, at Limehouse, quarrelling, fell to blows, when three of them fell over-board, and was drown'd.

Yesterday a Dispensation pass'd the Great Seal, to enable Edward Palmer, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon.

the Earl of Orford, to hold the Rectory of Chelvington, in the County of Suffex, and Diocesis of Chichester; together with the Vicarage of Ringmer, in the said County.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has presented William Harvey, Clerk, to the Vicarage of Tineham St. Martin, in the County of Norfolk.

Yesterday, about Noon, a Boat putting in at the Old Swan, wherein were several Passengers, was unfortunately sunk, by other Boats endeavouring to put in; by which Accident, a Soldier and his Wife were drown'd, but the rest were saved.

The Bishop of Rochester, as Dean of St. Peter's, Westminster, has given Orders (upon the Application of the Right Hon. the Earl of Godolphin) for opening the Vault in King Henry the 7th's Chapel, wherein the Corpse of the late Duke of Marlborough is deposited, to be taken up, in Order to be carried to Blenheim, to be interr'd in a Vault there.

Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Richmond, Master of the Horse to his Majesty, arrived at his House in Privy-Garden, Whitehall, from his Seat at Goodwood, in Suffex.

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